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INTRODUCTION.

Victoria is situated at the south-eastern extremity of the Australian continent of which it occupies about a thirty-fourth part, and contains about 87,884 square miles. It lies approximately between the 34th and 39th parallels of south latitude and the 141st and 150th meridians of east longitude. Its greatest length from east to west is about 493 miles, its greatest breadth about 290 miles and its extent of coast-line (including the length around Port Phillip Bay, Western Port, and Corner Inlet) 980 miles. It is bounded on the north and north-east by New South Wales from which it is separated by the River Murray and by a straight line in a south-easterly direction from a place near the head-waters of that stream, called The Springs, to Cape Howe. On the west it is bounded by South Australia and on the south and south-east its shores are washed by the Southern Ocean, Bass Strait, and the Pacific Ocean.

The climate of Victoria is characterized by warm summers, rather cold winters, and rain in all months. Mean temperatures in midsummer (January) range from 65 deg. (Fahr.) in the south to 75 deg. (Fahr.) in the north-west, corresponding means of daily maxima being 80 deg. (Fahr.) in the south and 90 deg. (Fahr.) in the north-west. In midwinter (July) the mean temperature is generally below 50 deg. (Fahr.), mean of the night minima being below 40 deg. (Fahr.).

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STATISTICS OF VICTORIA

I.—POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS.

VICTORIA—POPULATION.

Period.	Victoria.			Melbourne and Suburbs.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	
Census—				
1901 (31st March)	603,720	597,350	1,201,070	496,079
1911 (3rd April)	655,591	659,960	1,315,551	593,237
1921 (4th April)	754,724	776,556	1,531,280	782,979
1933 (30th June)	903,244	917,017	1,820,261	991,934
1947 (30th June)	1,013,867	1,040,834	2,054,701	1,226,409
At 31st December (estimated)—				
1948	1,040,640	1,065,675	2,106,315	1,259,000
1949	1,073,298	1,091,033	2,164,331	1,290,400
1950	1,116,962	1,114,294	2,231,256	1,328,400
1951	1,152,772	1,138,582	2,291,354	1,360,200
1952	1,192,644	1,164,179	2,356,823	1,393,000
1953	1,214,862	1,190,434	2,405,296	1,426,500

VICTORIA—MARRIAGES, BIRTHS, AND DEATHS.

Period.	Number of—				Rate per 1,000 of Population.(a)			Infantile Mortality.
	Marriages.	Births.	Deaths.	Deaths under One Year.	Marriage.	Birth.	Death.	
Year ended 31st Decem- ber—								
1948	20,035	46,099	21,825	1,103	9·59	22·06	10·44	23·93
1949	20,066	46,873	21,991	1,026	9·38	21·92	10·28	21·89
1950	20,320	49,830	22,341	1,001	9·22	22·61	10·14	20·09
1951	21,117	50,553	23,446	1,143	9·31	22·28	10·33	22·61
1952	20,220	53,738	23,322	1,198	8·66	23·02	9·99	22·29
1953—March Quarter ..	4,639	13,824	4,764	263	7·87	23·46	8·09	19·02
June	4,845	12,724	5,486	291	8·15	21·41	9·23	22·87
September „ ..	3,999	13,376	6,640	310	6·71	22·44	11·14	23·18
					Equivalent Annual Rate per 1,000 of Population.			

(a) Subject to revision

VICTORIA—PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Cause of Death.	Year Ended 31st December—		Quarter Ended 30th September—	
	1951.	1952.	1952.	1953.(a)
Tuberculosis	407	346	100	65
Malignant Neoplasms	3,169	3,323	864	877
Diabetes	353	410	119	124
Vascular Lesions affecting Central Nervous System	2,860	3,241	888	905
Diseases of the Heart	7,631	7,696	2,288	2,277
General Arteriosclerosis	839	804	241	259
Pneumonia	970	732	257	223
Nephritis and Nephrosis	515	426	131	120
Certain Diseases of Early Infancy	672	731	201	160
Accidents	1,205	1,287	341	333

(a) Subject to revision.

II.—LABOUR AND INDUSTRIAL.

VICTORIA—WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT.

(Thousands.)

Month.	Total Employment.(a)			Total Employment in Main Industrial Groups.						
	Government Employment. (b)	Private Employment.	Total.	Mining and Quarrying.	Factories. (c)	Building and Construction.	Transport and Communication.	Retail Trade.	Other Commerce and Finance.	Professional and Personal Services. (d)
MALES.										
1933—June ..	73·2	215·4	288·6	4·1	(e)	38·7	42·3	65·3		32·8
1939—July ..	90·0	267·5	357·5	5·5	128·4	36·4	45·4	75·9		35·9
1941—July ..	106·8	296·6	403·4	5·8	166·6	40·5	48·4	28·8	34·0	35·1
1942—June ..	113·8	261·7	375·5	4·6	167·0	29·2	47·4	22·5	27·7	30·3
1943—June ..	107·0	248·2	355·2	3·7	168·5	16·2	46·0	20·2	24·9	28·1
1944—June ..	106·5	245·6	352·1	3·4	167·0	16·6	45·5	20·3	26·0	30·0
1945—August ..	106·2	254·6	360·8	3·6	166·7	21·7	47·3	22·3	28·1	32·1
1946—June ..	115·2	302·7	417·9	4·4	179·8	32·0	55·0	29·6	37·9	38·1
1947—June ..	125·9	326·7	452·6	4·5	184·3	38·4	59·8	32·7	43·4	42·4
1948—June ..	131·7	341·6	473·3	4·8	192·7	42·1	62·4	34·6	46·1	44·4
1949—June ..	138·1	351·5	489·6	4·8	195·3	45·4	66·2	35·4	47·9	46·4
1950—June ..	148·2	362·4	510·6	4·8	201·5	50·7	69·3	36·1	50·2	47·7
1951—June ..	153·2	372·6	525·8	5·0	206·8	54·9	68·8	37·3	53·6	48·0
1952—June ..	152·9	371·6	524·5	5·2	204·1	52·3	71·3	35·9	55·4	49·0
1953—June ..	150·0	371·6	521·6	5·3	206·3	49·5	69·0	36·3	54·7	49·4
July ..	149·8	370·6	520·4	5·3	206·6	49·1	69·2	35·8	54·3	49·2
August ..	150·1	371·7	521·8	5·1	207·3	49·0	69·9	35·8	54·3	49·4
September ..	150·1	372·3	522·4	5·1	208·0	48·3	70·0	35·9	54·5	49·3
October ..	150·6	374·6	525·2	5·1	209·5	48·2	70·6	36·2	55·3	49·5
November ..	150·7	376·4	527·1	5·1	210·8	48·4	70·6	36·4	55·4	49·6
December ..	151·4	378·2	529·6	5·1	210·8	48·7	70·4	37·8	56·0	49·9
FEMALES.										
1933—June ..	13·9	104·3	118·2	..	(e)	0·2	3·3	26·9		36·9
1939—July ..	16·8	126·1	142·9	0·1	63·9	0·3	3·3	30·8		34·3
1941—July ..	25·8	160·2	186·0	0·1	79·1	0·4	5·9	29·7	12·1	42·3
1942—June ..	37·1	161·4	198·5	0·2	82·7	0·5	8·1	29·9	14·4	43·5
1943—June ..	45·8	159·6	205·4	0·1	86·1	0·5	11·0	28·0	14·2	44·1
1944—June ..	44·4	153·9	198·3	0·1	82·4	0·5	11·2	26·7	14·4	44·9
1945—August ..	40·7	151·6	192·3	0·1	79·9	0·5	10·9	26·6	14·6	46·0
1946—June ..	30·6	153·1	183·7	0·1	75·2	0·6	9·4	27·4	13·9	47·7
1947—June ..	30·0	160·5	190·5	0·1	76·5	0·7	9·6	28·6	14·5	50·6
1948—June ..	30·4	166·3	196·7	0·1	79·1	0·8	10·4	29·9	15·4	52·5
1949—June ..	31·4	171·3	202·7	0·1	81·9	0·9	11·4	30·8	16·4	53·3
1950—June ..	33·6	176·5	210·1	0·1	84·9	0·9	11·8	31·2	17·7	55·2
1951—June ..	36·3	183·2	219·5	0·1	88·7	1·0	11·9	32·3	19·5	56·7
1952—June ..	36·5	170·1	206·6	0·1	76·6	1·1	11·6	30·8	20·2	56·6
1953—June ..	35·2	170·7	205·9	0·1	79·6	1·1	10·6	29·8	19·8	56·1
July ..	35·4	171·1	206·5	0·1	80·3	1·1	10·5	29·6	19·9	55·9
August ..	35·3	171·6	206·9	0·1	80·6	1·1	10·4	29·5	19·9	56·2
September ..	35·3	173·3	208·6	0·1	81·7	1·2	10·4	29·9	20·0	56·5
October ..	35·0	175·0	210·0	0·1	82·7	1·2	10·4	30·2	19·9	56·7
November ..	35·0	177·2	212·2	0·1	83·5	1·2	10·4	31·3	20·0	56·9
December ..	34·9	179·7	214·6	0·1	83·4	1·2	10·3	33·9	20·0	57·0

VICTORIA—WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT—*continued.*

(Thousands.)

Month.	Total Employment.(a)			Total Employment in Main Industrial Groups						
	Government Employment. (b)	Private Employment.	Total.	Mining and Quarrying.	Factories. (c)	Building and Construction.	Transport and Communication.	Retail Trade.	Other Commerce and Finance.	Professional and Personal Services. (d)
PERSONS.										
1933—June ..	87.1	319.7	406.8	4.1	137.1	38.9	45.6	91.9		69.7
1939—July ..	106.8	393.6	500.4	5.6	192.3	36.7	48.7	106.7		70.2
1941—July ..	132.6	456.8	589.4	5.9	245.7	40.9	54.3	58.5	46.1	77.4
1942—June ..	150.9	423.1	574.0	4.8	249.7	29.7	55.5	52.4	42.1	73.8
1943—June ..	152.8	407.8	560.6	3.8	254.6	16.7	57.0	48.2	39.1	72.2
1944—June ..	150.9	399.5	550.4	3.5	249.4	17.1	56.7	47.0	40.4	74.9
1945—August ..	146.9	406.2	553.1	3.7	246.6	22.2	58.2	48.9	42.7	78.1
1946—June ..	145.8	455.8	601.6	4.5	255.0	32.6	64.4	57.0	51.8	85.8
1947—June ..	155.9	487.2	643.1	4.6	260.8	39.1	69.4	61.3	57.9	93.0
1948—June ..	162.1	507.9	670.0	4.9	271.8	42.9	72.8	64.5	61.5	96.9
1949—June ..	169.5	522.8	692.3	4.9	277.2	46.3	77.6	66.2	64.3	99.7
1950—June ..	181.8	538.9	720.7	4.9	286.4	51.6	81.1	67.3	67.9	102.9
1951—June ..	189.5	555.8	745.3	5.1	295.5	55.9	80.7	69.6	73.1	104.7
1952—June ..	189.4	541.7	731.1	5.3	280.7	53.4	82.9	66.7	75.6	105.6
1953—June ..	185.2	542.3	727.5	5.4	286.0	50.6	79.6	66.1	74.5	105.6
July ..	185.2	541.7	726.9	5.4	286.9	50.2	79.7	65.4	74.2	105.1
August ..	185.4	543.3	728.7	5.2	287.9	50.1	80.3	65.3	74.2	105.6
September	185.4	545.6	731.0	5.2	289.7	49.5	80.4	65.8	74.5	105.8
October	185.6	549.6	735.2	5.2	292.2	49.4	81.0	66.4	75.2	106.2
November	185.7	553.6	739.3	5.2	294.3	49.6	81.0	67.7	75.4	106.5
December	186.3	557.9	744.2	5.2	294.2	49.9	80.7	71.7	76.0	106.9

(a) Excluding wage earners in rural industry, female domestics in private household, Defence Forces at home or abroad, National Service trainees in camp and Government "relief" workers. Estimated total employment is based on Pay-roll Tax returns and records of Government employment. All figures for months subsequent to May, 1945 (Factories, June, 1948) subject to revision.

(b) Civilian employees of Commonwealth, State, Local, and Semi-Government, and Allied Government Authorities. From March, 1951, old basis subject to revision.

(c) From July, 1948, the monthly figures are estimates subject to revision.

(d) Includes Law and Order, Religion, &c., Health, Education, Other Professional Services, Entertainment, &c., and Personal Service (Hotels, Restaurants, &c., *excluding* female private domestic).

(e) Not available.

VICTORIA—UNEMPLOYMENT IN TRADE UNIONS.

The quarterly figures show the number of persons who were reported out of work for three days or more during a specified week in each quarter; they include sickness but not persons out of work through strikes or lockouts, except those outside the industry concerned who are indirectly affected. The annual figures represent the average of the four quarters.

Period.	Trade Unions.		Trade Unions Reporting.		Unemployed in Trade Unions Reporting.	
	Total Number.	Total Membership.	Number.	Membership.	Number.	Percentage.
1938 Year	147	215,021	79	124,184	10,718	8.6
1939 "	149	216,803	78	125,628	13,032	10.4
1945 "	151	311,891	77	186,112	1,548	0.9
1946 "	151	329,049	75	191,632	2,400	1.3
1947 "	152	343,162	74	204,500	2,423	1.2
1948 "	156	370,886	74	212,831	1,762	0.8
1949 "	150	382,503	74	222,955	1,719	0.8
1950 "	152	406,317	74	228,723	1,523	0.7
1951 "	156	433,407	74	240,643	1,410	0.6
1952 " (b)	159	416,349	74	236,768	7,285	3.1
1932—June Quarter (a) .. .. .	..	..	81	117,083	32,395	27.7
1952—March Quarter (b) .. .. .	..	..	74	238,398	2,487	1.0
June Quarter (b) .. .. .	..	..	74	238,326	3,875	1.6
September Quarter (b) .. .. .	..	..	74	234,869	11,498	4.9
December Quarter (b) .. .. .	..	..	74	235,477	11,279	4.8
1953—March Quarter (b) .. .. .	..	..	74	235,715	8,913	3.8
June Quarter (b) .. .. .	..	..	75	237,810	8,733	3.7

(a) Peak of unemployment.

(b) Subject to revision.

Note.—The only records of unemployment available continuously over a long period of years at short intervals are the quarterly percentages reported by trades unions to the Commonwealth Statistician. The membership of the reporting unions consists predominantly of males and represents at present about 60 per cent. of the total trade union membership and about 30 per cent. of all wage and salary earners. The above table is an indication of the trend of unemployment as estimated or recorded by secretaries of trade unions which supply returns. Returns are not collected from unions whose members are predominantly in permanent employment (Governmental, &c.) or casual employment (wharf labourers, &c.). The percentages relate to unemployment due to all causes except unemployment of those directly involved in industrial disputes.

VICTORIA—BASIC WEEKLY WAGE RATES FIXED BY COMMONWEALTH COURT OF CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION.

(Adult Males.)

Payable as from the Beginning of First Pay Period in—	Melbourne.	Ballarat.	Bendigo.	Geelong.	Warrnambool.	Five Towns—Weighted Average.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
1939—September	81 0	77 0	76 0	80 0	80 0	80 0
1950—February	134 0	130 0	130 0	133 0	132 0	134 0
May	137 0	133 0	133 0	136 0	135 0	136 0
August	140 0	135 0	136 0	139 0	139 0	140 0
November	143 0	138 0	139 0	142 0	143 0	142 0
December	162 0	157 0	158 0	161 0	162 0	161 0
1951—February	170 0	164 0	164 0	167 0	170 0	169 0
May	177 0	171 0	171 0	175 0	177 0	177 0
August	189 0	188 0	182 0	190 0	188 0	189 0
November	199 0	198 0	194 0	198 0	202 0	199 0
1952—February	209 0	208 0	205 0	207 0	211 0	209 0
May	212 0	211 0	209 0	211 0	215 0	212 0
August	224 0	221 0	221 0	222 0	227 0	224 0
November	228 0	227 0	226 0	227 0	233 0	228 0
1953—February	229 0	226 0	226 0	227 0	234 0	229 0
May	232 0	228 0	229 0	228 0	235 0	231 0
August	235 0	232 0	232 0	232 0	239 0	235 0
November (a)	235 0	232 0	232 0	232 0	239 0	235 0

(a) Automatic adjustment of basic wages discontinued in Commonwealth Awards by the decision of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration announced on 12th September, 1953.

Note.—For information relating to the basic wage payable in a specified industry, reference should be made to the Court Award or the State Wages Board Determination or the Award or Determination of any Special Industrial Tribunal appointed to deal with wages and conditions in respect of that industry.

VICTORIA—INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES CAUSING STOPPAGE OF WORK.

Period.	Num-ber.	Estab-lish-ments In-volved.	Workpeople Involved.			Working Days Lost.			Esti-mated Loss in Wages.
			Di-rectly.	Indi-rectly. (a)	Total.	New Dis-putes.	Old Dis-putes.	Total.	
									£'000
1939 Year ..	10	10	1,989	180	2,169	27,313	..	27,313	20
1950 ..	33	1,142	59,161	14,826	73,987	1,208,365	..	1,208,365	2,396
1951 ..	41	220	27,219	..	27,219	42,210	..	42,210	104
1952 ..	33	1,441	60,753	1,167	61,920	116,339	..	116,339	339
1953 ..	53	(c)	65,962	2,164	68,126	57,160	..	57,160	176
1952—March Qr. ..	10	1,327	43,025	..	43,025	67,795	..	67,795	178
June Qr. (b) ..	6	49	9,363	54	9,417	9,286	13,844	23,130	61
Sept. Qr. ..	11	55	6,731	34	6,765	10,064	76	10,140	33
Dec. Qr. ..	6	10	1,634	1,079	2,713	15,274	..	15,274	67
1953—March Qr. ..	13	51	5,544	52	5,596	4,908	..	4,908	15
June Qr. ..	10	16	8,214	2,008	10,222	11,618	213	11,831	29
Sept. Qr. ..	13	(c)	31,746	93	31,839	24,332	..	24,332	78
Dec. Qr. ..	17	(c)	20,458	11	20,469	13,856	2,233	16,089	54

(a) Persons thrown out of work at the establishments where the stoppages occurred but not themselves parties to the dispute.

(b) Excludes working days lost as a result of the ban on overtime in the stevedoring industry during the quarter.

(c) Not available.

Note.—The above statement has been compiled by the Commonwealth Statistician.

III.—PRICE INDEXES.

VICTORIA—“ C ” SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS (COST OF FOOD, GROCERIES, HOUSING—4 AND 5 ROOMS, CLOTHING AND MISCELLANEOUS HOUSEHOLD REQUIREMENTS).

(Base : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities of Australia, 1923–27 = 1,000.)

Period.	Melbourne.	Ballarat.	Bendigo.	Geelong.	Warrnam-bool.	Five Towns—Weighted Average.
November 1914 ..	671	..	..	..	..	..
„ 1921 ..	1,003	992	1,002	1,019	1,034	1,003
Year 1932 ..	813	776	808	794	838	811
„ 1939 ..	924	874	875	911	918	920
„ 1944 ..	1,135	1,083	1,101	1,112	1,129	1,131
„ 1945 ..	1,135	1,086	1,099	1,113	1,139	1,131
„ 1946 ..	1,149	1,094	1,107	1,124	1,153	1,145
„ 1947 ..	1,188	1,132	1,141	1,170	1,186	1,184
„ 1948 ..	1,294	1,243	1,244	1,278	1,283	1,290
„ 1949 ..	1,415	1,365	1,365	1,397	1,398	1,411
„ 1950 ..	1,565	1,509	1,520	1,549	1,558	1,561
„ 1951 ..	1,880	1,857	1,826	1,871	1,886	1,877
„ 1952 ..	2,170	2,147	2,139	2,154	2,205	2,168
„ 1953 ..	2,285	2,265	2,261	2,263	2,323	2,283
1951—September Qr.	1,930	1,918	1,884	1,924	1,957	1,928
December Qr.	2,033	2,019	1,987	2,014	2,048	2,030
1952—March Quarter	2,059	2,045	2,025	2,050	2,083	2,058
June Quarter	2,177	2,145	2,143	2,160	2,201	2,175
September Qr.	2,218	2,201	2,191	2,205	2,262	2,216
December Qr.	2,224	2,197	2,196	2,201	2,272	2,222
1953—March Quarter	2,250	2,217	2,220	2,217	2,286	2,247
June Quarter..	2,279	2,251	2,257	2,256	2,320	2,277
September Qr.	2,301	2,283	2,276	2,290	2,335	2,300
December Qr.	2,310	2,310	2,289	2,290	2,352	2,309

Note.—The above index has been computed by the Commonwealth Statistician.

MELBOURNE WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

The index of wholesale prices was first computed by the Commonwealth Statistician in 1912 and relates chiefly to basic materials and foods weighted in accordance with consumption in the years immediately preceding that date. Neither the component items nor the weighting have been varied. Consequently the index is a measure of changes in wholesale price levels based on usages which have altered substantially since the period on which the weighting was determined. As such it is useful as an indication of long-term trends on the assumption that the relative importance of component items remained constant. But it no longer serves as a measure of price variations from month to month or from year to year of commodities weighted in accordance with present-day consumption. A table relating to this index for varying periods from 1861 to 1950 is shown in previous issues of this publication. Particulars for subsequent years may be found in the "Labour Report" issued annually by the Commonwealth Statistician.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS—BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS.

Following a conference of Statisticians in 1930 an index by the Commonwealth Statistician has been computed from new data on prices and consumption. Both in contents and method of computation it differs from the Melbourne Index of Wholesale Prices referred to in the previous paragraph. The price quotations have in the main been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants, and, with a few important exceptions, from Melbourne sources. Apart from home-produced building materials and one or two minor commodities, however, the price movements may be taken as representative of fluctuations in wholesale prices of basic materials in most Australian markets. The weighting system adopted is based on average annual consumption during the years 1928-29 to 1934-35 inclusive.

(Base: Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Basic Materials.							Foodstuffs and Tobacco.	Basic Materials and Foodstuffs.		
	Metals and Coal.	Oils, Fats, and Waxes.	Textiles.	Chemicals.	Rubber and Hides.	Building Materials.	Total.		Goods Principally Imported. (a)	Goods Principally Home Produced.	All Groups.
1928-29 Year ..	127	106	129	121	115	95	114	107	91	118	110
1931-32 " ..	108	113	77	119	74	95	101	86	100	92	95
1938-39 " ..	103	100	82	101	92	97	99	103	99	102	101
1943-44 " ..	131	170	150	143	140	174	153	129	182	122	140
1944-45 " ..	131	168	152	143	140	175	152	131	182	123	144
1945-46 " ..	130	156	152	142	140	177	149	135	178	126	141
1946-47 " ..	132	145	191	140	131	180	149	138	177	129	143
1947-48 " ..	146	161	283	148	126	190	166	153	192	145	159
1948-49 " ..	185	173	342	159	130	198	188	175	201	173	181
1949-50 " ..	214	184	434	187	143	225	214	198	223	198	205
1950-51 " ..	256	196	641	242	292	268	264	232	256	242	246
1951-52 " ..	343	220	577	314	298	370	321	281	288	305	300
1952-53 " ..	392	234	607	350	224	404	350	(b)294	(b)292	331	(b)320
1952-53—											
July ..	392	230	570	(b)349	279	435	(b)355	304	(b)302	(b)338	327
August ..	394	230	577	350	241	418	351	303	(b)295	338	325
September ..	399	230	566	349	237	418	352	295	294	333	321
October ..	390	235	589	349	233	418	352	283	295	322	314
November ..	390	237	589	349	223	420	352	280	(b)296	321	313
December ..	390	237	609	349	227	420	353	(b)292	(b)297	329	(b)320
January ..	389	236	608	350	223	420	353	(b)290	(b)297	328	318
February ..	391	235	611	355	212	391	348	(b)290	(b)289	327	(b)317
March ..	393	235	640	355	212	391	350	(b)289	(b)290	(b)328	(b)317
April ..	392	235	643	(b)348	203	391	(b)349	(b)298	(b)288	(b)335	321
May ..	391	233	661	349	203	364	344	(b)301	(b)279	338	320
June ..	392	233	621	348	199	364	342	(b)305	(b)283	338	321
1953-54—											
July ..	391	225	583	329	198	365	336	315	(b)275	346	(b)325
August ..	389	226	581	329	198	365	335	(b)335	275	(b)360	335
September ..	389	226	576	329	199	364	335	(b)331	276	357	333
October ..	389	226	576	327	198	364	334	325	273	353	329
November ..	388	223	574	327	197	365	333	311	270	342	321
December ..	388	223	561	327	192	365	332	304	269	337	317

(a) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the wholesale price index. This index does not measure changes in price of imports generally. (b) Revised figures.

IV.—COMMONWEALTH SOCIAL SERVICE AND REPATRIATION BENEFITS IN VICTORIA.

A.—SOCIAL SERVICE BENEFITS.

Period.	Pensioners at End of Period. (a)		Widows' Pensions (c) in Force at End of Period.		Maternity Allowances (d) Granted During Period.	Child Endowment (f).	
	Age.	Invalid.	Main- taining a Child.	Not Main- taining a Child.		Claims Current at End of Period.	Endowed Children at End of Period.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No. (e)	No.	No.
1913-14 Year ..	27,150	4,844	..	..	(e)	..	..
1920-21	30,385	11,174	..	..	36,778	..	..
1930-31	49,999	19,925	..	..	32,241	..	..
1938-39	(b) 67,896	(b) 19,471	..	..	20,819	..	..
1947-48	78,057	15,165	4,010	7,249	46,027	148,249	251,145
1948-49	81,753	15,575	3,937	7,227	46,309	157,625	265,672
1949-50	84,831	14,328	3,892	7,168	49,035	168,904	(g) 452,333
1950-51	86,210	13,977	3,842	6,789	50,210	301,805	605,673
1951-52	87,845	13,973	3,724	6,498	52,144	317,591	642,693
1952-53	93,353	15,019	3,885	6,288	55,297	328,561	672,525
1st July, 1953, to 28th Dec., 1953	95,448	15,388	3,859	6,063	26,529	332,963	684,463

(a) Excluding age and invalid pensioners in benevolent institutions.

(b) During 1939-40 all invalid pensions in force were specially reviewed and, at 30th June, 1940, all those pensioners who had become qualified for age pensions by age and residence were transferred to the age pensions list.

(c) Commenced from 1st July, 1942. Particulars exclude pensions payable to widows in benevolent institutions.

(d) The income restrictions imposed in 1931 and 1932 and modified in 1934, 1936, and 1937 were abolished as from 1st July, 1943.

(e) Not available.

(f) Commenced from 1st July, 1941. Particulars exclude endowed children in approved institutions.

(g) As from 20th June, 1950, endowment became payable in respect of all children under sixteen years of age in a family.

Period.	Unemployment Benefits.(a)		Sickness Benefits.(a)	
	Admissions During Period.	On Benefit at End of Period.(b)	Admissions During Period.	On Benefit at End of Period.(b)
1945-46 Year	2,695	579	10,169	1,790
1946-47	16,187	667	14,550	2,468
1947-48	1,029	66	17,105	2,506
1948-49	288	51	16,712	3,444
1949-50	1,037	151	15,120	3,745
1950-51	1,145	32	14,715	1,733
1951-52	3,201	1,133	11,838	1,578
1952-53	(c) 38,972	5,939	(c) 11,046	2,059
1st July, 1953, to 28th Dec., 1953	(d) 7,196	2,202	(d) 6,836	1,927

(a) Commenced from 1st July, 1945.

(b) As furnished by the Department of Social Services.

(c) Period from 1st July, 1952, to 27th June, 1953. (d) Period from 28th June, 1953, to 26th December, 1953.

B.—REPATRIATION BENEFITS.

Period.	War Pensions.				Service Pensions (a).	
	Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependants of Deceased Members of Forces.	Dependants of Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Total.	Members of Forces.	Dependants of Members of Forces.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
At 30th June—						
1921 ..	26,053	15,410	33,338	74,801	..	..
1931 ..	25,066	10,994	60,142	96,202	..	..
1939 ..	25,569	8,412	48,264	82,245	1,876	1,330
1947 ..	39,711	13,167	48,101	100,979	2,589	1,134
1948 ..	41,931	13,285	51,648	106,864	2,793	1,192
1949 ..	44,025	13,486	55,737	113,248	2,736	1,154
1950 ..	46,553	13,743	61,297	121,593	2,784	1,099
1951 ..	49,120	13,744	69,055	131,919	2,696	1,071
1952 ..	51,098	13,758	75,518	140,374	2,661	1,125
1953 ..	52,785	13,817	81,464	148,066	3,029	1,244
At 31st Decem-ber, 1953 ..	53,515	13,893	83,888	151,296	3,196	1,310

(a) Commenced from 1st January, 1936.

Note.—Particulars relate to war pensions in respect of 1914–1918 War, 1939–1945 War, and the Korean and Malayan operations, and to service pensions in respect of the South African War, 1914–1918 War, and 1939–1945 War.

V.—SHIPPING AND COMMERCE.

VICTORIA—OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE SHIPPING: VESSELS AND TONNAGE ENTERED AND CLEARED.

Period.	Oversea.				Interstate (a).		Total.	
	Direct.		Via Other States.					
	Vessels.	Net Tonnage.	Vessels.	Net Tonnage.	Vessels.	Net Tonnage.	Vessels.	Net Tonnage.
<i>Entered.</i>								
1938–39 Year ..	188	'000 686	548	'000 3,100	2,243	'000 4,751	2,979	'000 8,537
1949–50 ..	396	1,829	590	3,232	1,329	3,245	2,315	8,306
1950–51 ..	426	1,945	573	3,185	1,288	3,399	2,287	8,529
1951–52 ..	446	1,997	548	3,140	1,322	3,611	2,316	8,748
1952–53 .. (b) ..	314	1,370	585	3,322	1,549	3,934	2,448	8,626
1952–53—								
December Quarter ..	71	313	144	841	423	1,158	638	2,312
March Quarter ..	77	345	135	799	387	971	599	2,115
June Quarter ..	81	337	155	842	363	855	599	2,034
1953–54—								
September Quarter ..	65	284	151	854	395	978	611	2,116
December Quarter ..	73	314	162	911	408	1,041	643	2,266
<i>Cleared.</i>								
1938–39 Year ..	195	'000 757	495	'000 2,886	2,299	'000 4,837	2,989	'000 8,430
1949–50 ..	349	1,641	417	2,297	1,548	4,364	2,314	8,302
1950–51 ..	347	1,599	423	2,386	1,546	4,614	2,316	8,599
1951–52 ..	377	1,699	403	2,413	1,548	4,728	2,328	8,840
1952–53 .. (b) ..	347	1,515	441	2,553	1,649	4,521	2,437	8,589
1952–53—								
December Quarter ..	92	405	115	694	444	1,293	651	2,392
March Quarter ..	85	381	107	627	401	1,100	593	2,108
June Quarter ..	84	367	118	620	395	1,005	597	1,992
1953–54—								
September Quarter ..	77	350	115	662	419	1,122	611	2,134
December Quarter ..	81	341	129	746	448	1,189	658	2,276

(a) Includes oversea vessels on interstate voyages.

(b) Revised figures.

OVERSEA TRADE—RECORDED VALUES OF IMPORTS INTO AND EXPORTS FROM VICTORIAN PORTS.

(Compiled from information collected by the Department of Trade and Customs.)

Period.	Merchandise.	Bullion and Specie.	Total.
IMPORTS.			
Year ended 30th June—	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
1939	43,857	551	44,408
1951	262,848	218	263,066
1952	361,807	1,386	363,193
1953	173,201	574	173,775
Six months ended 31st December, 1953 (a)	112,756	21	112,777
EXPORTS.			
Year ended 30th June—	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
1939	28,388	2,431	30,819
1951	265,013	31	265,044
1952	185,954	40	185,994
1953	228,004	114	228,118
Six months ended 31st December, 1953 (a)	101,545	31	101,576

(a) Subject to revision.

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES INTO VICTORIAN PORTS (SUBJECT TO REVISION).

(Values are in Australian currency f.o.b. at port of shipment.)

Article.	Quarter Ended 31st December—		Six Months Ending 31st December—	
	1952.	1953.	1952.	1953.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN NOT INCLUDING LIVE ANIMALS—	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
Fish—				
Preserved in Tins	24	161	55	243
Other	99	124	161	252
Other Animal Foodstuffs	71	96	175	188
Total, Class I.	194	381	391	683

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES INTO
VICTORIAN PORTS—*continued*.

Article.	Quarter Ended 31st December—		Six Months Ended 31st December—	
	1952.	1953.	1952.	1953.
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, ETC.—	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
Nuts, Edible	72	164	153	300
Spices	89	68	154	136
Coffee and Chicory	109	239	187	580
Tea	684	859	1,865	2,157
Cocoa and Chocolate	37	136	71	318
Other Vegetable Foodstuffs, &c. ..	68	152	139	268
Total, Class II.	1,059	1,618	2,569	3,759
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS	51	57	104	94
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF—				
Tobacco—				
Unmanufactured	1,530	1,331	2,202	2,089
Manufactured	4	5	4	14
Cigarettes	235	359	382	773
Cigars, Snuff, &c. .. .. .	..	14	..	16
Total, Class IV.	1,769	1,709	2,588	2,892
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS.. .. .	9	17	73	39
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES, NOT FOODSTUFFS—				
Hides and Skins	41	114	96	207
Wool	49	408	88	560
Silk, Raw .. .. .	..	14	..	30
Other Animal Substances	50	156	77	257
Total, Class VI.	140	692	261	1,054
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES—				
Seeds	46	151	80	236
Fibres	419	1,354	1,891	2,472
Gums, Resins, and Balsams	26	67	84	131
Cork and Cork Manufactures	30	48	62	97
Plastic Materials (except Fibres) ..	228	700	449	1,276
Other Vegetable Substances	123	172	174	321
Total, Class VII.	872	2,492	2,740	4,533

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES INTO
VICTORIAN PORTS—*continued.*

Article.	Quarter Ended 31st December—		Six Months Ended 31st December—	
	1952.	1953.	1952.	1953.
	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES AND APPAREL—				
Yarns	1,090	2,131	1,730	4,331
Manufactured Fibres	44	160	750	337
Textiles—				
Piece Goods	1,776	5,974	5,076	11,521
Other	213	1,306	334	2,131
Apparel	239	1,152	550	2,118
Total, Class VIII.	3,362	10,723	8,440	20,438
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES—				
Linseed Oil .. .. .	..	31	57	104
Paraffin Wax	9	20	21	34
Petroleum and Shale Oils—				
Petroleum	3,448	3,715	6,715	7,057
Kerosene	528	471	1,007	1,085
Residual	555	1,113	1,325	2,256
Solar	574	156	1,123	496
Lubricating (Mineral)	232	183	871	434
Other	77	80	198	190
Other Oils, Fats, and Waxes	78	179	181	413
Total Class IX.	5,501	5,948	11,498	12,069
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS, AND VARNISHES	54	331	176	584
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS, ETC. ..	1,071	533	1,982	795
CLASS XII. (a)—METALS AND MANU- FACTURES—				
Iron and Steel—				
Plate and Sheet	2,291	1,051	4,670	2,022
Other	797	506	1,809	961
Tools of Trade	97	249	177	484
Vehicles—				
Aircraft and Parts	2,950	1,658	4,336	2,421
Motor Cars, &c.—				
Complete	136	65	215	118
Bodies, Chassis, and Parts	2,434	4,437	5,790	10,028
Other Vehicles and Parts	174	340	514	697
Other Metals and Manufactures	1,712	2,375	3,242	4,408
Total, Class XII. (a)	10,591	10,681	20,753	21,139

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES INTO
VICTORIAN PORTS—*continued.*

Article.	Quarter Ended 31st December—		Six Months Ended 31st December—	
	1952.	1953.	1952.	1953.
	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
CLASS XII.(b)—DYNAMO ELECTRICAL MACHIN- ERY, APPLIANCES, EQUIPMENT, ETC.				
Dynamo Electrical Machinery	921	429	1,338	808
Wireless (Radio) Equipment	60	105	86	176
Other Electrical Machinery, &c... ..	1,261	922	2,089	2,246
Total, Class XII.(b)	2,242	1,456	3,513	3,230
CLASS XII.(c)—MACHINES AND MACHINERY (EXCEPT DYNAMO ELECTRICAL)—				
Motive Power Machinery and Appliances ..	1,886	3,588	4,529	6,746
Metal Working Machinery and Appliances ..	715	711	1,547	1,659
Roller and Ball Bearings	324	300	866	482
Other Machines and Machinery	4,363	3,958	7,939	8,894
Total, Class XII.(c)	7,288	8,557	14,881	17,781
Total, Class XII.	20,121	20,694	39,147	42,150
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF—				
Crude Rubber, Rubber Waste, Masticated, &c.	214	726	823	1,799
Rubber Manufactures—				
Tyres, Pneumatic and Other	60	99	367	187
Elastics	51	74	69	137
Other	34	86	66	170
Leather and Leather Manufactures ..	22	62	48	127
Total, Class XIII.	381	1,047	1,373	2,420
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER—				
Timber	116	399	688	747
Other Wood and Wicker	39	121	77	194
Total, Class XIV.	155	520	765	941
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS, AND GLASSWARE—				
Glass and Glassware	150	399	253	745
Crockery and Household Ware	58	338	122	569
Portland Cement	141	64	346	206
Other Earthenware, &c.	57	156	139	269
Total, Class XV.	406	957	860	1,789

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES INTO
VICTORIAN PORTS—*continued.*

Article.	Quarter Ended 31st December—		Six Months Ended 31st December—	
	1952.	1953.	1952.	1953.
	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
CLASS XVI.(a)—PULP, PAPER, AND BOARD—				
Pulp for Papermaking	151	317	744	637
Paper—				
Printing	406	1,061	1,177	2,073
Writing and Typewriting	100	111	205	265
Wrapping	71	248	171	477
Other	148	167	237	358
Millboards and Other Boards	53	121	82	198
Total, Class XVI.(a)	929	2,025	2,616	4,008
CLASS XVI.(b)—PAPER MANUFACTURES AND STATIONERY—				
Books (printed), Directories, &c.	501	494	935	1,063
Other Stationery, &c.	170	355	275	609
Total, Class XVI.(b)	671	849	1,210	1,672
Total, Class XVI.	1,600	2,874	3,826	5,680
CLASS XVII.—FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY AND TIMEPIECES—				
Fancy Goods, including Sporting Materials and Toys	42	277	72	487
Jewellery	70	239	105	356
Timepieces	73	193	157	370
Total, Class XVII.	185	709	334	1,213
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL, AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS	438	606	675	1,097
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, FERTILIZERS, AND CHEMICALS—				
Drugs and Chemicals	804	1,352	1,403	2,548
Fertilizers	89	245	313	441
Total, Class XIX	893	1,597	1,716	2,989
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS—				
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives	354	662	957	954
Bags, Baskets, &c.	8	47	14	76
Brushware	5	29	8	48
Prefabricated Buildings—				
Houses	526	699	865	2,051
Other Buildings	336	126	657	435
Outside Packages	677	1,083	1,507	2,209
All Other Articles	489	1,268	1,390	1,764
Total, Class XX.	2,395	3,914	5,398	7,537
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; BRONZE SPECIE	227	7	380	21
GRAND TOTAL	40,883	57,426	85,296	112,777

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES FROM
VICTORIAN PORTS (SUBJECT TO REVISION).

Article.	Quarter Ended 31st December—		Six Months Ended 31st December—	
	1952.	1953.	1952.	1953.
	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN NOT INCLUDING LIVE ANIMALS—				
Meats—				
Preserved by Cold Process—				
Beef	45	122	129	299
Lamb	1,830	880	2,148	941
Mutton	276	181	358	258
Pork	22	13	44	24
Poultry	101	18	411	106
Rabbits and Hares	378	211	1,268	695
Other	108	84	182	154
Preserved in Tins	4,366	1,669	8,465	3,510
Sausage Casings	351	222	575	400
Other	32	31	93	98
Butter	4,460	2,937	5,181	3,838
Butter Substitutes	28	25	53	47
Cheese	1,293	1,454	1,738	1,822
Eggs	948	863	1,240	1,099
Infants' and Invalids' Foods	93	83	145	202
Honey	34	19	145	39
Milk and Cream	2,252	2,468	3,032	3,553
Other Animal Foodstuffs	187	90	816	138
Total, Class I.	16,804	11,370	26,023	17,223
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN ; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, ETC.				
Grains and Cereals—				
Unprepared—				
Wheat	1,994	1,159	4,203	2,896
Oats	476	186	1,250	258
Barley	54	15	322	93
Other	5	1	11	6
Prepared—				
Rice	42	108	63	142
Flour (Wheaten)	3,737	2,234	7,939	6,283
Oatmeal and Rolled Oats	69	146	157	318
Other	23	157	65	221
Vegetables—				
Peas	19	6	26	61
Preserved in liquid and pulped	169	142	233	208
Other	19	10	202	15
Fruits—				
Fresh	252	227	441	428
Dried	170	400	2,452	2,754
Preserved in liquid	1,135	648	3,812	2,478
Fruit Juices	26	41	168	68
Jam and Jellies	67	48	181	126
Confectionery	16	11	57	30
Other Vegetable Foodstuffs	196	412	318	750
Total, Class II.	8,469	5,951	21,900	17,135
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS				
	109	40	230	167

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES FROM
VICTORIAN PORTS—*continued.*

Article.	Quarter Ended 31st December—		Six Months Ended 31st December—	
	1952.	1953.	1952.	1953.
	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF	2	7	5	8
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS.. .. .	7	3	19	12
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES, NOT FOOD- STUFFS—				
Hides and Skins—				
Rabbit and Hare	169	124	338	369
Calf, Cattle, and Horse	76	121	168	219
Sheep (with wool and without wool)	2,097	1,551	3,528	3,002
Other	36	94	39	129
Wool—				
Greasy	31,048	37,242	36,602	44,487
Scoured, Tops, and Waste	3,769	3,344	7,265	7,592
Other Animal Substances	42	16	79	41
Total, Class VI.	37,237	42,492	48,019	55,839
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES—				
Seeds	29	25	69	53
Fibres	22	..	34	1
Other Vegetable Substances	3	13	19	38
Total, Class VII.	54	38	122	92
CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES, AND APPAREL—				
Yarns and Manufactured Fibres.. .. .	27	69	81	107
Textiles	76	118	138	225
Apparel	66	17	90	37
Total, Class VIII.	169	204	309	369
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES—				
Tallow, inedible	122	161	188	312
Other Oils, Fats, and Waxes	138	148	229	229
Total, Class IX.	260	309	417	541
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS, AND VARNISHES	33	63	69	112
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS, ETC. ..	655	542	1,010	1,214
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY—				
Metals and Metal Manufactures (except Electrical)	719	1,316	1,217	2,523
Dynamo Electrical Machinery and Appliances	78	88	167	153
Machines and Machinery (except Dynamo Electrical)	752	777	1,452	1,835
Total, Class XII.	1,549	2,181	2,836	4,511

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES FROM
VICTORIAN PORTS—*continued.*

Article.	Quarter Ended 31st December—		Six Months Ended 31st December—	
	1952.	1953.	1952.	1953.
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF—	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
Rubber and Rubber Manufactures ..	16	56	40	96
Leather and Leather Manufactures ..	355	345	568	644
Total, Class XIII. ..	371	401	608	740
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER ..	28	39	66	81
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS, AND GLASSWARE ..	14	43	28	73
CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STATIONERY—				
Pulp, Paper, and Board ..	45	20	64	45
Paper Manufactures and Stationery ..	76	76	165	155
Total, Class XVI. ..	121	96	229	200
CLASS XVII.—FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY, AND TIMEPIECES ..	113	59	142	116
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS ..	112	157	227	306
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, FERTILIZERS, AND CHEMICALS—				
Soap ..	57	12	99	58
Fertilizers ..	..	..	1	1
Other Drugs and Chemicals ..	448	551	772	876
Total, Class XIX ..	505	563	872	935
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS—				
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives ..	835	536	1,521	1,142
Personal and Household Effects ..	79	75	173	168
All other Articles ..	577	255	1,818	561
Total, Class XX. ..	1,491	866	3,512	1,871
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER: BRONZE SPECIE ..	30	14	59	31
Australian Produce ..	67,466	64,984	105,706	100,580
Other Produce ..	667	454	996	996
GRAND TOTAL ..	68,133	65,438	106,702	101,576

VICTORIA—OVERSEA TRADE WITH OTHER COUNTRIES.

Imports from—	Year Ended 30th June—			Six Months Ended 31st December 1953. (a).
	1951.	1952.	1953.	
	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
United Kingdom	126,058	161,879	71,429	53,330
Australian Territories	927	1,306	1,238	547
Borneo (British)	422	574	217	107
Canada	4,688	6,535	6,329	2,331
Ceylon	4,541	3,468	3,386	2,146
East Africa (British)	1,937	2,753	1,507	689
Hong Kong	377	733	101	158
India, Republic of	10,467	12,446	3,699	2,162
Malaya, Federation of	6,684	7,560	1,868	1,553
New Zealand	1,206	3,403	1,683	980
Pakistan	1,891	864	550	824
Rhodesia, Northern and Southern	810	698	1,151	876
Singapore	4,472	4,546	1,759	1,067
South Africa, Union of	2,244	1,535	1,081	408
Swaziland	11	16	227	..
West Africa (British)	329	559	419	2
Other British Possessions	455	1,090	685	618
Arabia—				
Bahrein Islands	3,003	4,094	4,689	2,887
Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Muscat and Oman, &c.	1,596	3,389	3,822	2,494
Austria	743	1,972	349	353
Belgium	4,030	7,199	1,628	983
Brazil	1,334	2,714	124	226
China	729	1,080	317	269
Czechoslovakia	2,365	2,269	371	318
Egypt	1,122	1,176	421	429
Finland	1,512	3,638	354	386
France	5,223	6,859	4,544	3,709
Germany	5,630	12,445	5,094	4,925
Indonesia, Republic of	6,940	7,397	5,162	3,408
Italy	7,024	10,926	1,731	2,261
Japan	5,858	15,595	2,345	923
Netherlands	2,971	4,922	2,269	1,464
Netherlands Antilles	71	1,610	665	6
Norway	1,682	3,584	504	443
Persia (Iran)	5,423	748	73	10
Soviet Union	230	395	158	187
Sweden	6,173	11,038	2,519	1,922
Switzerland	2,518	2,779	1,254	1,755
United States of America	22,492	36,974	33,031	12,335
Venezuela	1	211	702	77
Other Foreign Countries	2,464	3,375	1,082	983
Country not stated	13	16	24	17
Total (excluding Outside Packages)	258,666	356,370	170,561	110,568

(a) Subject to revision.

VICTORIA—OVERSEA TRADE WITH OTHER COUNTRIES—*continued.*

Exports to—	Year Ended 30th June—			Six Months Ended 31st December, 1953. (a).
	1951.	1952.	1953.	
	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
United Kingdom	77,816	55,562	86,009	32,132
Australian Territories	427	441	792	456
Borneo (British)	283	304	283	147
Canada	5,854	3,850	4,015	1,639
Ceylon	2,835	5,762	8,115	2,803
Cocos Island .. .. .	..	..	905	40
Hong Kong	2,473	1,400	2,194	911
India, Republic of	5,738	5,227	5,081	1,210
Ireland, Republic of	593	1,148	2,128	535
Malaya, Federation of	2,534	3,688	4,420	2,110
Mauritius and Dependencies	262	904	725	537
New Zealand	5,746	12,574	7,954	5,182
Pakistan	271	316	1,049	172
Rhodesia, Northern and Southern	280	222	393	267
Singapore	3,096	3,827	3,694	1,543
South Africa, Union of	1,948	1,328	1,655	845
West Indies (British)	668	612	539	170
Other British Possessions	2,202	2,383	2,516	1,177
Arabia	303	339	571	373
Belgium	5,931	4,356	6,029	2,621
China	237	80	471	218
Czechoslovakia	1,428	460	1,292	567
Denmark	1,584	546	262	324
Egypt	9,179	2,644	1,120	616
France	26,181	16,120	23,451	10,483
Germany	5,317	6,232	4,779	3,108
Greece	493	321	149	25
Indonesia, Republic of	1,138	1,681	2,404	1,278
Italy	14,989	10,363	13,267	7,565
Japan	16,661	9,180	17,829	5,487
Mexico	1,754	780	757	377
Netherlands	2,684	2,619	1,240	629
Norway	938	60	200	11
Persia (Iran)	313	119	162	17
Peru	905	16	41	6
Poland	4,339	959	1,175	344
Soviet Union	4,705	..	444	5,695
Sweden	5,949	2,759	1,041	750
Switzerland	657	455	353	331
Turkey	736	619	490	608
United States of America	40,974	20,574	13,951	5,856
Yugoslavia	1,193	1,649	211	183
Other Foreign Countries	3,430	3,515	3,962	2,228
Total	265,044	185,994	228,118	101,576

(a) Subject to revision.

QUANTITIES AND VALUES OF THE PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES EXPORTED TO
OVERSEA COUNTRIES FROM VICTORIAN PORTS.
(Australian Currency Values.)

Commodity.	Year Ended 30th June—			Six Months Ended 31st December, 1953. (a).
	1951.	1952.	1953.	
Wool—				
Greasy { '000 lb.	219,645	227,445	260,691	116,905
£'000	143,723	73,952	92,008	44,487
Scoured and Washed .. . { '000 lb.	32,164	30,775	31,750	13,684
£'000	21,341	14,019	13,173	6,113
Tops, Noils, and Waste .. . { '000 lb.	5,711	6,861	8,904	3,310
£'000	2,733	2,204	3,023	1,479
Butter { '000 lb.	50,390	17,768	(c) 42,129	20,577
£'000	7,804	3,166	7,674	3,838
Wheat { tons	716,076	425,436	320,230	88,721
£'000	22,507	13,590	10,236	2,896
Flour (wheaten) { '000 lb.	466,354	619,807	713,853	299,052
£'000	8,675	13,125	15,329	6,283
Fruits—				
Dried { '000 lb.	60,683	68,656	113,620	58,493
£'000	2,635	3,788	5,315	2,754
Fresh—				
Oranges { bushels	193,616	171,394	226,065	266,309
£'000	275	324	405	396
Apples { bushels	135,370	81,360	106,310	4,984
£'000	155	142	179	10
Pears { bushels	616,893	589,386	654,838	200
£'000	941	1,170	1,241	1
Other Fresh Fruits { £'000	19	16	63	21
Preserved in Liquid .. . { '000 lb.	56,140	73,195	97,624	38,108
£'000	2,577	4,030	6,149	2,478
Meats—				
Beef (frozen) { '000 lb.	1,598	2,694	3,454	4,091
£'000	99	249	315	299
Lamb (frozen) { '000 lb.	30,297	19,067	52,164	12,380
£'000	1,574	1,205	3,494	941
Mutton (frozen) { '000 lb.	3,574	4,322	43,855	6,936
£'000	126	211	1,426	258
Pork (frozen) { '000 lb.	1,450	606	477	132
£'000	142	87	71	24
Poultry (frozen) { £'000	1,112	905	523	106
Rabbits and Hares (frozen) (b) { '000 pairs	6,572	8,920	6,232	2,225
£'000	1,753	2,347	1,843	695
Preserved in Tins { '000 lb.	35,888	46,657	91,279	25,923
£'000	3,194	5,252	11,495	3,510
Sausage Casings { cwt.	10,303	9,366	18,204	7,480
£'000	876	1,015	1,177	400
All Other Meats { £'000	903	1,922	779	252
Milk and Cream { £'000	3,939	5,489	7,043	3,553
Hides and Skins—				
Sheep (with wool) { '000 lb.	26,438	28,704	45,514	14,825
£'000	8,625	5,712	7,051	2,798
Rabbit and Hare { '000 lb.	5,980	2,835	3,433	1,912
£'000	1,152	485	476	369
Other Skins { £'000	1,217	718	1,035	552
Tallow (inedible) { cwt.	118,343	56,248	173,636	143,152
£'000	601	327	627	312
Eggs in shell { '000 doz.	4,126	2,389	4,733	1,642
£'000	584	402	1,001	392
Eggs not in shell { £'000	390	264	646	707
Cheese { '000 lb.	29,157	31,258	37,187	15,906
£'000	2,640	2,995	4,114	1,822

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Carcasses only excluding rabbit and hare meat.

(c) Revised figures.

VI.—LAND TRANSPORT.

VICTORIA—RAILWAYS (EXCLUDING ELECTRIC TRAMWAYS AND ROAD MOTOR SERVICES UNDER THE CONTROL OF RAILWAYS COMMISSIONERS).

Particulars.	Year Ended 30th June—				Three Months Ended 30th September, 1953.
	1939.	1951.	1952.	1953.	
Average Mileage operated	4,754	4,687	4,687	4,678	(a)
Traffic Trains Mileage—					
Passenger—Suburban '000	7,671	6,300	7,267	7,589	2,049
Country '000	4,764	3,393	3,929	4,343	1,124
Goods '000	5,455	4,882	5,777	5,758	1,307
Total '000	17,890	14,575	16,973	17,690	4,480
Passenger Journeys—Suburban .. '000	135,546	134,344	157,138	154,997	39,228
Country .. '000	6,578	6,969	7,993	7,860	1,932
Total '000	142,124	141,313	165,131	162,857	41,160
Goods Carried tons '000	5,250	7,043	8,574	8,580	2,009
Live Stock Carried tons '000	726	496	630	612	111
Gross Ton Mileage '000	4,734,904	4,747,742	5,518,880	5,814,354	1,426,844
Contents Ton Mileage—					
Goods (incl. Live Stock) .. '000	760,485	1,057,051	1,280,191	1,262,454	298,995
Average Haul per Ton—					
Goods (inc. Live Stock) .. miles	127·26	140·21	139·08	137·35	141·05

(a) Not yet available.

Particulars.	Traffic Train Mileage During Three Months Ended 30th September, 1953.					
	Steam.	Electric Motor.	Rail Motor.	Electric Locomotive.	Diesel Electric Locomotive.	Total.
Passenger Trains—						
Suburban .. miles '000	6	2,022	21	..	..	2,049
Country .. miles '000	422	..	435	1	266	1,124
Goods Trains .. miles '000	1,030	1	..	20	256	1,307
Total Traffic Train Mileage .. miles '000	1,458	2,023	456	21	522	4,480

Particulars.	Year Ended 30th June—				Three Months Ended 30th September, 1953.
	1939.	1951. (c).	1952.	1953.	
Gross Revenue—					
Ordinary £'000	9,284	18,660	24,339	31,867	8,487
Recoup by State Treasury towards Interest, &c. £'000	..	1,786	1,751	1,795	(d)
Total Revenue £'000	9,284	20,446	26,090	33,662	(d)
Working Expenses (a) £'000	8,060	20,811	29,613	34,008	8,635
Net Earnings (b) £'000	1,224	—365	—3,523	—346	(d)
Interest Charges, Exchange and Contributions to National Debt Sinking Fund, &c. .. £'000	2,168	2,372	2,343	2,428	(d)
Net Result for Year £'000	—944	—2,737	—5,866	—2,774	(d)

(a) Including cost of pensions and Pay-roll Tax.

(b) Before the payment of capital charges, viz., interest, exchange, sinking fund, &c.

(c) Due to a railway strike the services did not operate during the period from 16th October, 1950, to 9th December, 1950 (55 days).

(d) Not yet available.

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BOARD.

Particulars.	Year Ended 30th June—				Period from 1st July, 1953, to 26th December, 1953.
	1939.	1951.	1952.	1953.	
Tramway Track Open—					
Double miles (a)	127·3	127·8	127·8	128·8	128·8
Single miles	5·9	5·2	5·2	4·2	4·2
Motor Omnibus Route .. miles	48·6	66·7	66·7	68·9	68·9
Vehicle Mileage—					
Tramways '000	22,981	21,309	21,648	22,215	10,937
Motor Omnibuses '000	2,165	7,626	7,598	8,076	4,047
Passenger Journeys—					
Tramways '000	182,094	238,709	217,684	207,398	101,879
Motor Omnibuses '000	11,911	67,442	62,619	61,045	30,345
Revenue—	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Traffic Receipts	2,305	4,950	5,876	6,635	3,319
Other	15	37	65	67	20
Total Revenue	2,320	4,987	5,941	6,702	3,339
Operating Expenses and Fixed Charges	(b) 1,517	(c) 5,018	(c) 6,033	(c) 6,669	(d)
Surplus on Operation	803	..	..	33	(d)
Deficit on Operation .. .. .	..	31	92	..	(d)

(a) Including 7·94 miles of cable tramway. The cable tramway service ceased operation on 26th October, 1940.

(b) Excluding interest and other charges and appropriations.

(c) Including rates, interest, and depreciation, but excluding appropriations.

(d) Not yet available

VICTORIA—MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(Excluding Commonwealth-owned vehicles and Defence Service vehicles.)

Period.	Motor Vehicles—				Motor Cycles.
	Private.	Commercial and Hire.	Primary Producers' (a).	Total.	
NEW REGISTRATIONS.					
1938-39 Year	15,249	3,953	2,494	21,696	2,140
1950-51	36,565	12,333	6,528	55,426	5,441
1951-52	42,258	13,776	8,461	64,495	5,387
1952-53	28,556	7,272	4,343	40,171	2,523
Six months ended 31st December, 1953	17,076	4,131	2,040	23,247	1,206
RE-REGISTRATION OF USED VEHICLES.					
1938-39 Year	13,718	3,459	3,277	20,454	4,787
1950-51	15,806	4,935	3,385	24,126	4,697
1951-52	19,248	5,624	3,855	28,727	6,303
1952-53	15,966	4,392	2,598	22,956	6,259
Six months ended 31st December, 1953	6,516	1,825	946	9,287	2,592
RENEWALS OF REGISTRATION.					
1938-39 Year	122,164	28,750	41,656	192,570	19,771
1950-51	206,338	61,097	59,639	327,074	23,393
1951-52	280,997	71,614	46,011	398,622	25,506
1952-53	326,348	75,774	37,020	439,142	24,655
Six months ended 31st December, 1953	170,139	37,699	18,637	226,475	11,432
TOTAL REGISTRATIONS.					
1938-39 Year	151,131	36,162	47,427	234,720	26,698
1950-51	258,709	78,365	69,552	406,626	33,531
1951-52	342,503	91,014	58,327	491,844	37,196
1952-53	370,870	87,438	43,961	502,269	33,437
Six months ended 31st December, 1953	193,731	43,655	21,623	259,009	15,230

(a) Prior to 12th November, 1951, primary producers' vehicles included private cars and commercial vehicles, but since that date only vehicles, constructed for the carriage of goods and used by primary producers solely in connection with business, are included under this heading.

VICTORIA—TRANSPORT BOARD LICENCES AND PERMITS.

Type of Licence or Permit.	Licences in Force at 30th June—			
	1939.	1951.	1952.	1953.
Temporary Licences—				
Commercial Passenger Vehicles	79	688	988	138
Commercial Goods Vehicles	1,098	3,376	3,837	2,033
Total, Temporary Licences	1,177	4,064	4,825	2,171
Permanent "Discretionary" Licences—				
Commercial Passenger Vehicles	976	3,580	3,620	5,258
Commercial Goods Vehicles	1,894	2,264	2,213	2,462
Total, "Discretionary" Licences	2,870	5,844	5,833	7,720
Licences Issued "As of Right"—				
To operate for hire or reward—				
Within 25 miles of Melbourne	4,751	10,502	10,811	10,274
Within 25 miles of Ballarat, Bendigo, or Geelong	439	1,217	1,252	1,302
Within 20 miles of places of business of owners generally outside radius of Melbourne, Ballarat, Bendigo, and Geelong	4,203	8,879	8,900	8,888
Primary Producers	699	6,691	7,825	9,299
Commercial Goods Vehicles owned by Butter and Cheese Factories	297	624	692	743
Ancillary Carriers	20,062	27,907	27,029	27,075
Vehicles carrying Third Schedule Goods, Racecourse Floats, Petroleum Tank Wagons, and Commercial Travellers' Vehicles	914	5,474	5,950	6,870
Total, "As of Right"	31,365	61,294	62,459	64,451
Additional Licences to Commercial Goods Vehicles to Carry Passengers	558	263	201	150
Grand Total Licences	35,970	71,465	73,318	74,492
Permits to operate temporarily outside the conditions of the Licences—				
Commercial Passenger Vehicles	(a)	3,607	4,437	4,957
Commercial Goods Vehicles	(a)	66,150	99,414	83,398
Total Permits	(a)	69,757	103,851	88,355

(a) Not available.

VICTORIA—TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS.

(As reported to the Police.)

Period.	Accidents in which Persons were Killed or Injured.	Persons Killed.	Persons Injured.	Accidents in which Persons were Killed or Injured.	Persons Killed.	Persons Injured.
	<i>City of Melbourne (a).</i>			<i>Outside Metropolitan Area.</i>		
1938-39 Year	1,470	47	1,593	1,558	194	1,973
1949-50 "	1,343	49	1,539	2,977	287	3,999
1950-51 "	1,253	54	1,392	3,498	305	4,781
1951-52 "	1,373	49	1,602	3,783	340	5,179
1952-53 "	1,310	42	1,525	4,048	300	5,460
1952-53—						
September Quarter	355	20	397	906	98	1,188
December Quarter	301	2	361	920	65	1,256
March Quarter	318	5	371	1,090	60	1,503
June Quarter	336	15	396	1,132	77	1,513
1953-54—						
September Quarter	327	13	362	973	74	1,333
December Quarter	291	8	332	950	62	1,303
	<i>Metropolitan Area (excluding City of Melbourne)</i>			<i>Total—Victoria.</i>		
1938-39 Year	3,508	177	3,862	6,536	418	7,428
1949-50 "	4,298	165	5,000	8,618	501	10,538
1950-51 "	4,523	222	5,191	9,274	581	11,364
1951-52 "	4,955	214	5,750	10,111	603	12,531
1952-53 "	4,740	173	5,579	10,098	515	12,564
1952-53—						
September Quarter	1,273	48	1,465	2,534	166	3,050
December Quarter	1,081	28	1,322	2,302	95	2,939
March Quarter	1,170	40	1,393	2,578	105	3,267
June Quarter	1,216	57	1,399	2,684	149	3,308
1953-54—						
September Quarter	1,196	44	1,415	2,496	131	3,110
December Quarter	1,162	25	1,373	2,403	95	3,008

(a) Municipality of the City of Melbourne.

VII.—FINANCE.

VICTORIA—CONSOLIDATED REVENUE.

Heads of Revenue.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1939.	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Taxation (a)	10,085	7,575	9,315	12,232	14,364
Railways	9,349	20,250	18,798	24,226	31,520
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings ..	2,300	3,584	3,847	4,805	5,179
Land	387	1,004	1,167	1,889	2,663
Interest n.e.i.	1,881	1,882	1,862	2,267	2,641
Commonwealth Payments—					
Under Financial Agreement	2,127	2,127	2,127	2,127	2,127
" States Grants (Tax Reimbursement) Act ..	..	14,237	17,446	20,347	26,028
" States Grants (Administration of Controls) Act ..	..	169	186	220	262
" States Grants (Coal Emergency) Act ..	..	1,830	..	..	..
" States Grants (Special Assistance) Act ..	..	..	4,750	9,124	7,131
All other Revenue	857	2,898	4,048	4,275	4,934
Total Revenue	26,986	55,556	63,546	81,512	96,849
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Total Revenue per Head of Population ..	14 8 3	25 12 0	28 8 2	35 8 4	40 19 11

(a) For details see page 30.

VICTORIA—EXPENDITURE FROM CONSOLIDATED REVENUE.

Heads of Expenditure.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1939.	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Public Debt Charges—					
Interest on Funded Debt ..	6,640	6,792	7,186	8,157	9,067
Exchange on Interest Payments ..	669	567	578	578	575
Sinking Fund Contributions ..	859	1,854	2,059	2,265	2,587
Other	62	82	80	74	69
Railways	7,694	19,198	19,844	28,275	32,976
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings	980	2,222	2,542	3,367	4,025
Education	3,123	8,671	10,644	13,230	15,987
Public Health	143	488	614	786	947
Hospitals	1,054	4,342	6,450	9,688	10,570
Other Charities (a)	2,302	1,139	1,353	1,837	2,417
Law, Order, and Public Safety ..	1,285	3,410	4,108	5,236	5,736
All other Expenditure	2,962	7,050	8,431	10,425	12,258
Total Expenditure	27,773	55,815	63,889	83,918	97,214
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Total Expenditure per Head of Population	14 16 8	25 14 5	28 11 3	36 9 3	41 3 0

(a) Including contributions to Unemployment Relief Fund.

VICTORIA—STATE TAXATION.

Tax.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1939.	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
State Taxation Collections—					
Income Taxes (a)	6,251	66	53	29	57
Land Tax	482	293	415	876	1,370
Probate Duty	1,374	2,611	3,442	3,874	4,833
Stamp Duties, n.e.i.	960	2,377	2,987	3,321	3,206
Motor Taxation	1,914	3,179	3,808	5,215	5,455
Racing Taxation	677(b)	1,482	1,609	2,113	2,254
Liquor Licences	255	680	780	1,323	1,761
All other Taxes	110	126	132	192	221
Paid to Consolidated Revenue ..	10,085	7,575	9,315	12,232	14,364
Paid to Special Funds	1,938	3,239	3,911	4,711	4,793
Total State Collections	12,023	10,814	13,226	16,943	19,157
Commonwealth Reimbursement—					
Uniform Tax .. ..	..	14,237	17,446	20,347	26,028
Grand Total	12,023	25,051	30,672	37,290	45,185
Per head of Population—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
State Collections	6 8 5	4 19 8	5 18 3	7 7 3	8 2 2
Commonwealth Reimbursement ..	..	6 11 3	7 16 0	8 16 10	11 0 4
Total	6 8 5	11 10 11	13 14 3	16 4 1	19 2 6

(a) Including Unemployment Relief Tax.

(b) Including Entertainments Tax.

VICTORIA—STATE EXPENDITURE FROM LOAN FUNDS AND ON ACCOUNT OF LOANS.

Heads of Expenditure.	During Year Ended 30th June—			Total to 30th June, 1953.
	1951.	1952.	1953.	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Public Works—				
Railways—				
As reduced	7,044	10,498	7,100	80,623
Transferred .. ..	..	..	..	29,135
Roads and Bridges	816	1,094	1,219	16,644
Water Supply and Sewerage	7,154	10,699	7,000	67,407
Electricity Supply	1,250	9,000	7,000	35,089
Public Buildings—				
Schools	2,686	3,521	3,382	20,366
Hospitals	2,593	2,952	3,640	12,917
Other	590	799	841	4,762
Housing	904	4,185	1,222	9,772
Unemployment Relief .. ..	..	..	..	13,147
Other Public Works	738	829	1,041	8,016
Primary Production—				
Land Settlement (a)	6,096	5,754	4,650	74,801
Advances to Settlers (b)	1	..	1	3,765
Wire Netting Advances	56	23	32	1,040
Bulk Handling of Wheat .. ..	..	..	..	1,154
Forestry	1,590	1,390	787	12,182
Mining (including State Coal Mine) ..	140	38	16	840
Other Primary Production	159	125	88	1,752
Coal (Overseas Purchase)	17	Cr. 4	Cr. 27	1,960
Gas and Fuel Corporation	2,552	2,393	2,455	7,399
Rural Finance Corporation	814	1,600	900	3,319
Other Purposes	109	188	228	1,246
Total Public Works, &c.	35,309	55,084	41,575	407,336
In Aid of Revenue .. ..	..	2,000	2,400	15,455
Grand Total	35,309	57,084	43,975	422,791

(a) Including Soldier Settlement.

(b) Including Drought Relief.

VICTORIA—STATE PUBLIC DEBT.

At 30th June—	Repayable in—			Total.	Total Public Debt per Head of Population.
	London.	New York.	Australia.		
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£ s. d.
1914	39,275	..	26,856	66,131	46 10 1
1919	43,400	..	39,994	83,394	56 11 8
1929	59,835	4,658	89,336	153,829	86 19 7
1939	62,498	4,499	112,701	179,698	95 13 3
1952	45,225	4,456	252,818	302,499	129 10 6
1953	45,023	4,424	290,072	339,519	142 7 11

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS (a)—AVERAGE DEPOSITS AND ADVANCES IN VICTORIA.

Period.	Deposits—			Advances.	Ratio of Advances to Total Deposits.
	Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.		
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	%
Year 1948-49	74,457	185,851	260,308	137,006	52·63
„ 1949-50	80,835	229,042	309,427	155,550	50·27
„ 1950-51	98,050	310,069	408,119	179,967	44·10
„ 1951-52	94,332	329,236	423,568	228,984	54·06
„ 1952-53	83,297	321,396	404,693	224,091	55·37
Quarter ended December, 1952 ..	81,919	305,735	387,654	231,675	59·76
„ „ March, 1953	82,330	334,948	417,278	214,105	51·31
„ „ June, 1953	86,153	357,200	443,353	201,875	45·53
„ „ September, 1953 ..	84,845	331,011	415,856	206,840	49·74
„ „ December, 1953 ..	90,577	343,987	434,564	220,068	50·64
1952—Month of October	81,360	295,061	376,421	238,380	63·33
„ „ November	82,405	307,072	389,477	230,692	59·15
„ „ December	82,132	317,739	399,871	224,278	56·09
1953—Month of October	85,652	332,525	418,177	218,613	52·28
„ „ November	93,149	343,165	436,314	220,185	50·46
„ „ December	92,931	356,269	449,200	221,407	49·29

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under *Banking Act* 1945. Includes seven Private Trading Banks; Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd.; Bank of New Zealand; Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris; and the Commonwealth Trading Bank of Australia which on 3rd December, 1953, took over the business of the General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia. Average deposits and advances at close of business on Wednesdays in periods.

MELBOURNE BANKS' CLEARING HOUSE.

Period.								Total Amount Cleared.
								£'000
1929	Year	..	..	..	..	..	..	814,668
1939	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	864,631
1949	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,778,182
1950	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3,652,973
1951	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,600,401
1952	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,204,105
1953	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,275,071
1951—June Quarter								1,307,649
September Quarter								1,044,473
December Quarter								1,194,918
1952—March Quarter								1,077,267
June Quarter								1,174,494
September Quarter								954,585
December Quarter								997,759
1953—March Quarter								986,166
June Quarter								1,178,967
September Quarter								992,019
December Quarter								1,117,919

SAVINGS BANKS—DEPOSITS IN VICTORIA.

Period.	Deposits—			Total Deposits per Head of Population.
	State Savings Bank (a).	Commonwealth Savings Bank.	Total.	
At 30th June—	£'000	£'000	£'000	£ s. d.
1929	66,130	6,577	72,707	41 2 2
1931	57,138	6,104	63,242	35 2 10
1939	69,219	11,242	80,461	42 15 4
1948	177,781	48,620	226,401	108 5 10
1949	187,359	51,887	239,246	111 16 10
1950	198,680	58,441	257,121	116 14 5
1951	213,687	68,092	281,779	124 3 5
1952	224,347	76,485	300,832	128 16 2
1953	234,834	85,137	319,971	134 4 0
At 31st December, 1953 ..	238,212	88,842	327,054	135 19 5

(a) Includes School Bank and Deposit Stock Accounts.

VICTORIA—MORTGAGES OF REAL ESTATE.

Period	Mortgages Registered during Period.					
	Under Transfer of Land Acts (a).		Under Property Law Act (b).		Total.	
	Number.	Consideration (c).	Number.	Consideration (c).	Number.	Consideration (c).
Year ended 31st December—		£'000		£'000		£ 000
1929	27,916	21,082	899	968	28,815	22,050
1939	19,144	12,244	853	773	19,997	13,017
1949	27,868	21,136	904	683	28,772	21,819
1950	35,914	24,339	1,210	3,407	37,124	27,746
1951	37,856	39,903	1,317	2,419	39,173	42,322
1952	35,545	(d) 63,894	(d) 1,245	2,083	(d) 36,790	(d) 65,977
1953	40,252	58,182	1,398	1,459	41,650	59,641
1952—						
June Quarter	8,862	19,755	310	979	9,172	20,734
September Quarter	9,464	17,000	341	526	9,805	17,526
December Quarter	8,931	13,186	331	392	9,262	13,578
1953—						
March Quarter	8,213	13,383	293	251	8,506	13,634
June Quarter	10,064	11,889	317	391	10,381	12,280
September Quarter	11,841	14,534	405	490	12,246	15,024
December Quarter	10,134	18,376	383	327	10,517	18,703

(a) Mortgages under the Transfer of Land Act are in respect of land brought under that Act subsequent to 1862 and land alienated by the Crown since that date.

(b) Mortgages under the Property Law Act are in respect of land alienated by the Crown prior to 1862 and not subsequently brought under the Transfer of Land Act.

(c) Excluding the amounts owing under mortgages given to secure overdrafts on current account.

(d) Revised figures.

VICTORIA—COMPANIES REGISTERED UNDER COMPANIES ACT.

Particulars.	Year Ended 31st December—				
	1929.	1939.	1951.	1952.	1953.
Number registered during period—					
Victorian Trading	926	537	1,046	808	1,109
Foreign	62	37	98	(b) 97	107
Mining	22	28	4	(b) 4	8
Total	1,010	602	1,148	909	1,224
Nominal Capital of Companies registered during period—	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Victorian Trading	44,083	17,302	63,017	52,264	63,640
Foreign	(a)	8,975	45,651	29,758	33,682
Mining	1	..	1,308	45	805
Number of Existing Companies at end of period—					
Victorian Trading	7,259	10,229	12,885	13,282	14,093
Foreign	899	643	1,120	1,179	1,256
Increase during the period in nominal Capital of Existing Companies—	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Victorian Trading	10,246	6,854	95,225	49,978	61,205
Mining	244	1,097	1,434	902	1,692

(a) Not available.

(b) Revised figures.

VIII.—PRODUCTION.

VICTORIA—RAINFALL, YEARLY AND MONTHLY RECORDS AND MEANS.

Period.	Districts.								Whole State— Weighted Average.
	Mallee.	Wimmera.	Northern.	North-Central.	North-Eastern.	Western.	Central.	Gippsland.	
	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.
Averages 1911–1940 (a)	12.49	17.52	18.09	27.06	34.81	27.58	29.64	33.47	24.28
Year—									
1949 ..	11.80	16.67	20.45	31.35	33.72	26.91	32.62	36.72	25.05
1950 ..	17.57	20.04	23.67	31.63	35.03	24.01	30.82	36.65	26.52
1951 ..	12.09	19.61	20.26	31.87	37.45	33.32	34.71	41.78	27.91
1952 ..	15.22	21.87	21.86	35.56	46.24	39.30	40.66	48.71	32.75
1953 ..	12.27	19.62	16.81	28.69	35.57	30.40	30.75	35.29	25.38
1952—									
October ..	2.29	2.30	2.89	4.29	4.76	3.56	4.49	4.60	3.50
November ..	2.08	2.70	3.32	4.88	4.87	4.97	5.37	5.45	4.03
December ..	0.41	0.86	1.13	1.90	2.90	2.06	3.21	4.84	2.10
1953—									
January ..	1.33	1.37	1.37	2.04	2.24	0.76	2.22	2.44	1.64
February ..	0.46	0.12	0.53	0.88	1.13	0.47	1.67	1.66	0.81
March ..	0.01	0.08	0.12	0.17	0.25	0.34	0.46	0.60	0.25
April ..	0.53	1.15	0.88	1.40	1.19	1.94	1.47	1.55	1.23
May ..	0.41	0.72	0.74	1.73	2.90	2.33	2.46	3.67	1.84
June ..	1.56	3.26	2.15	3.44	4.97	3.84	2.72	3.08	3.06
July ..	1.50	2.93	1.87	3.48	4.89	4.22	2.59	3.14	3.02
August ..	1.84	2.87	2.72	3.98	5.12	3.74	3.46	3.75	3.32
September ..	1.78	2.16	2.44	4.21	5.20	3.65	3.90	3.20	3.14
October ..	1.17	1.59	2.27	3.35	4.08	2.57	4.59	5.84	3.04
November ..	1.28	2.17	1.40	2.82	2.63	4.87	3.80	4.39	2.90
December ..	0.40	1.20	0.32	1.19	0.97	1.67	1.41	1.97	1.13

(a) Averages for a standard 30 years' period, 1911–1940.

VICTORIA—ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND AVERAGE YIELD OF PRINCIPAL CROPS.

Season.	For Grain—			Hay.	Potatoes.	Grapes for Drying (a).	Fruit (b).
	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.				
Area of Crops.							
1948-49	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
1949-50	2,995,705	539,603	195,779	591,341	45,785	34,371	57,868
1950-51	2,828,273	483,190	236,123	606,525	50,651	34,284	56,467
1951-52	2,735,473	527,217	217,096	557,454	52,482	34,438	55,850
1952-53	2,463,574	676,503	186,224	640,418	42,108	34,633	55,376
	2,232,097	756,129	234,597	(c) 752,932	(d) 52,851	35,706	52,729
Total Production.							
1948-49	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.(e)	
1949-50	49,063,560	7,489,601	3,547,691	933,983	166,105	43,672	..
1950-51	57,433,835	8,718,307	4,876,180	1,000,855	167,881	49,124	..
1951-52	51,235,929	9,034,005	4,510,079	894,585	139,391	34,087	..
1952-53	45,994,752	11,151,260	3,619,576	1,046,764	178,399	48,692	..
	50,334,634	12,599,050	4,734,175	1,245,217	133,148	61,687	..
Average Yield per Acre.							
1948-49	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.(e)	
1949-50	16.38	13.88	18.12	1.58	3.63	1.27	..
1950-51	20.31	18.04	20.65	1.65	3.31	1.43	..
1951-52	18.73	17.14	20.77	1.60	2.66	0.99	..
1952-53	18.67	16.48	19.44	1.63	4.24	1.41	..
	22.55	16.66	20.18	1.65	2.52	1.73	..

(a) Excluding table grapes, wine grapes and unproductive vines, the area of which in 1952–53 amounted to 1,569, 5,435 and 3,258 acres respectively.

(b) Productive orchards only. The area of unproductive orchards in 1952–53 was 14,505 acres. Owing to the varying units of quantity, total production cannot be conveniently shown in this statement. (See *Victorian Year-Book*.)

(c) Including wheaten 32,552 acres and oaten 219,448 acres.

(d) Revised figures

(e) Weight of dried produce.

LIVE STOCK IN VICTORIA.

District.	Horses.	Cattle.			Pigs.	Sheep.
		All Dairy Cattle.	Beef Cattle.	Total.		
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1949 ..	213,090	1,513,292	711,251	2,224,543	223,823	19,170,312
1950 ..	200,143	1,525,183	705,765	2,230,948	212,901	19,161,043
1951 ..	186,415	1,489,393	726,860	2,216,253	237,127	20,011,933
1952 ..	169,246	1,438,523	776,007	2,214,530	213,670	21,537,229
1953 ..	153,662	1,476,980	820,228	2,297,208	182,824	21,368,196

VICTORIA—WOOL PRODUCTION AND VALUE.

Season.	Clip.	Stripped from and Exported on Skins, &c. (Greasy).	Total Quantity. (Greasy).	Gross Value.	Average Price per lb.
	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	£	d.
1947-48	166,394	33,137	199,531	31,290,765	37·64
1948-49	173,867	30,213	204,080	38,894,704	45·74
1949-50	188,083	37,160	225,243	57,415,306	61·18
1950-51	193,211	25,055	218,266	132,945,656	146·18
1951-52	201,776	23,182	224,958	63,637,774	67·89
1952-53	(a) 214,035	38,160	252,195	78,760,501	74·95

(a) Revised figures.

VICTORIA—MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

Particulars.					Year Ended 30th June—			
					1939.	1951.	1952.	1953.(c)
Factories .. ..	..	..	..	No.	9,250	13,504	14,758	15,133
Persons employed (a)—								
Males .. ..	..	..	..	No.	136,218	224,919	233,699	228,685
Females .. ..	..	..	..	No.	65,613	91,873	90,444	82,031
Total .. ..	..	..	..	No.	201,831	316,792	324,143	310,716
Wages paid (b)—					£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Males .. ..	..	..	..	..	29,006	130,923	163,688	171,881
Females .. ..	..	..	..	..	7,021	32,284	38,898	38,980
Total .. ..	..	..	..	..	36,027	163,207	202,586	210,861
Value of—					£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Fuel, light, and power used .. ..	..	..	..	..	3,595	16,324	20,779	24,354
Lubricating oil and water used and repairs .. ..	..	..	..	..	2,655	12,791	15,707	15,947
Materials used (including containers) .. ..	..	..	..	..	80,722	370,258	463,121	461,505
Production (net) .. ..	..	..	..	..	65,996	275,660	334,360	357,972
Output .. ..	..	..	..	..	152,968	675,033	833,967	859,778
Land and buildings .. ..	..	..	..	..	42,026	100,326	119,465	135,307
Machinery and plant .. ..	..	..	..	..	38,570	107,261	128,934	147,356

(a) Average over whole year. Includes working proprietors.

(b) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors.

(c) Subject to revision.

VICTORIA—MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES—VALUE ADDED IN PROCESS OF
MANUFACTURE.

Class of Industry.	Year Ended 30th June—			
	1939.	1951.	1952.	1953.(a)
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Treatment of non-metalliferous mine and quarry products	1,576	5,419	6,398	6,862
Bricks, pottery, glass, &c.	1,530	4,075	4,996	5,209
Chemicals, dyes, explosives, paints, oils, and grease	4,462	17,155	20,621	21,507
Industrial metals, machines, implements, and conveyances	16,460	90,916	115,726	123,071
Precious metals, jewellery, and plate	547	2,719	2,916	2,647
Textiles and textile goods (not dress)	6,324	28,780	29,301	36,218
Skins and leather (not clothing or footwear)	1,373	5,496	5,341	6,616
Clothing	7,865	31,215	35,033	36,688
Food, drink, and tobacco	12,610	37,248	46,771	51,280
Woodworking and basketware	2,391	12,013	15,045	14,473
Furniture, bedding, &c.	1,281	5,305	6,192	6,001
Paper, stationery, printing, bookbinding, &c.	4,930	17,836	23,297	23,660
Rubber	1,573	6,507	8,029	7,092
Musical instruments	24	121	182	190
Miscellaneous products	722	6,689	7,858	8,140
Heat, light, and power	2,328	4,166	6,654	8,318
Total	65,996	275,660	334,360	357,972

(a) Subject to revision.

Note.—"Added Value" is the source from which provision is made for the following:—Salaries and wages, depreciation, taxation, rent, insurance, miscellaneous expenses, and profits.

VICTORIA—VALUE OF RECORDED PRODUCTION, 1951-52.

Industry.	Gross Value of Pro-duction. (a)	Marketing Costs.	Value at Place of Production.	Costs of Production. (b)	Net Value of Production.	Net Value per Head of Population.
Primary—	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£ s. d.
Agriculture (e)	88,629	11,266	77,363	13,279	64,084	27 16 10
Pastoral	110,830	6,960	103,870	4,062	99,808	43 7 4
Dairying	47,285	1,859	45,426	6,274	39,152	17 0 3
Poultry and Bee Farming	18,280	1,377	16,903	4,120	12,783	5 11 1
Trapping, Forestry, and Fisheries	13,671	1,160	12,511	(c)	12,511	5 8 9
Mining	7,718	768	6,950	2,740	4,210	1 16 7
Total Primary (e)	286,413	23,390	263,023	30,475	232,548	101 0 10
Manufacturing (d)	334,360	..	334,360	..	334,360	145 5 6
Total all Industries (e)	620,773	23,390	597,383	30,475	566,908	246 6 4

(a) Gross value is defined as the value placed on recorded production at the wholesale price realized in the principal markets. In cases where primary products are absorbed locally, or where they become raw material for secondary industry, these points are presumed to be the principal markets.

(b) Costs of production include stock feed, seed costs and pickling, manures, spraying, sheep and cattle dips, power, fuel, water, and all other materials used in production, but exclude depreciation and maintenance costs.

(c) Not available.

(d) Manufacturing is included at its net added value because the gross or wholesale selling value contains so much duplication of products, the finished article of one class of manufacture forming in numerous cases the raw material for others.

(e) Revised figures.

VICTORIA—NET VALUE OF RECORDED PRODUCTION PER HEAD
OF POPULATION.

Year.	Industry.							Total.
	Agri- culture.	Pastoral.	Dairying.	Poultry and Bee Farming.	Trapping, Forestry and Fisheries.	Mining.	Manu- facturing.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
1939-40 ..	6 8 9	8 13 10	6 10 6	1 13 6	1 3 1	1 2 4	39 3 2	64 15 2
1940-41 ..	3 16 7	9 14 2	6 16 4	1 4 9	1 12 9	1 6 2	46 7 8	70 18 5
1941-42 ..	8 1 9	10 9 6	6 9 0	1 8 4	2 2 1	1 2 8	56 15 6	86 8 10
1942-43 ..	10 2 11	12 11 4	6 6 6	2 10 1	1 17 6	0 19 1	61 11 7	95 19 0
1943-44 ..	8 12 3	13 2 9	6 19 1	2 12 6	2 11 0	0 15 6	62 0 3	96 13 4
1944-45 ..	7 8 7	12 3 9	7 6 4	2 15 2	2 9 6	0 15 5	61 0 4	93 19 1
1945-46 ..	11 2 7	8 19 7	7 9 2	2 17 4	3 0 0	0 17 3	60 14 7	95 0 6
1946-47 ..	16 3 9	14 0 9	8 16 10	2 15 1	3 3 11	1 0 2	64 9 3	110 9 9
1947-48 ..	24 2 1	20 11 10	9 10 4	2 19 8	3 11 4	1 2 2	76 12 0	138 9 5
1948-49 ..	18 12 5	25 7 0	10 10 8	3 16 5	3 18 0	1 0 7	86 9 7	149 14 8
1949-50 ..	24 16 9	35 14 0	12 10 5	3 18 1	4 5 9	1 0 10	101 0 6	183 6 4
1950-51 ..	23 18 1	72 11 5	13 4 5	4 10 2	4 12 5	1 6 7	123 4 10	243 7 11
1951-52 (a) ..	27 16 10	43 7 4	17 0 3	5 11 1	5 8 9	1 16 7	145 5 6	246 6 4

(a) Revised figures.

VICTORIA—PRODUCTION OF BLACK COAL AND BROWN COAL AND BRIQUETTES
MANUFACTURED.

Period.	Black Coal.	Brown Coal.				Briquettes Manu- factured. (a)
		State Electricity Commission.		Privately- operated Mines.	Total.	
		Yallourn.	Yallourn North.			
Year ended 31st December—	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.
1939	365	3,650	..	1	3,651	415
1940	268	4,278	..	2	4,280	428
1941	326	4,565	..	1	4,566	419
1942	313	4,890	40	4	4,934	417
1943	287	5,038	43	11	5,092	411
1944	258	4,913	88	15	5,016	429
1945	247	5,366	48	31	5,445	455
1946	191	5,547	90	70	5,707	504
1947	174	5,791	153	196	6,140	514
1948	168	6,091	333	268	6,692	542
1949	123	6,321	644	410	7,375	577
1950	126	6,211	623	493	7,327	527
1951	148	6,314	927	595	7,836	563
1952	144	6,448	1,087	569	8,104	554
1953	152	6,475	1,242	540	8,257	560
1952—						
March Quarter ..	39	1,623	259	144	2,026	148
June Quarter ..	30	1,624	259	152	2,035	141
Sept. Quarter ..	43	1,643	303	155	2,101	132
Dec. Quarter ..	39	1,558	266	118	1,942	133
1953—						
March Quarter ..	39	1,503	301	106	1,910	135
June Quarter ..	30	1,686	312	122	2,120	146
Sept. Quarter ..	44	1,641	331	146	2,118	133
Dec. Quarter ..	39	1,645	298	166	2,109	146

(a) The quantity of brown coal used in the manufacture of briquettes is included in previous columns in the figures of production by the State Electricity Commission.

VICTORIA—IMPORTS (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA) OF BLACK COAL.

Period.	Interstate.			Oversea.				Grand Total—Inter-state and Oversea.
	From New South Wales.	From Queens-land.	Total.	From United Kingdom.	From India.	From South Africa.	Total.	
	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.
Year ended 31st December—								
1939 ..	1,404	..	1,404	..	..	..	..	1,404
1940 ..	1,207	..	1,207	..	..	..	..	1,207
1941 ..	1,590	..	1,590	..	..	..	..	1,590
1942 ..	1,705	..	1,705	..	..	..	..	1,705
1943 ..	1,583	..	1,583	..	..	..	..	1,583
1944 ..	1,659	..	1,659	..	..	..	..	1,659
1945 ..	1,472	..	1,472	..	..	..	..	1,472
1946 ..	1,504	..	1,504	..	..	..	..	1,504
1947 ..	1,413	..	1,413	..	..	..	..	1,413
1948 ..	1,440	..	1,440	24	..	..	24	1,464
1949 ..	1,197	..	1,197	145	185	24	354	1,551
1950 ..	1,144	8	1,152	..	211	217	428	1,580
1951 ..	1,236	72	1,308	..	139	72	211	1,519
1952 ..	1,488	166	1,654	..	200	..	200	1,854
1953 ..	1,262	160	1,422	..	17	..	17	1,439
1952—								
March Quarter	308	25	333	..	43	..	43	376
June Quarter	376	25	401	..	32	..	32	433
Sept. Quarter	393	58	451	..	103	..	103	554
Dec. Quarter	411	58	469	..	22	..	22	491
1953—								
March Quarter	248	50	298	..	17	..	17	315
June Quarter	246	62	308	..	..	..	..	308
Sept. Quarter	385	24	409	..	..	..	..	409
Dec. Quarter	383	24	407	..	..	..	..	407

STATE ELECTRICITY COMMISSION OF VICTORIA—ELECTRICITY GENERATED AND SENT OUT.

Period.	Electricity Generated—			Electricity Sent Out from Generating Stations—		
	Hydro Stations.	Thermal Stations.	Total.	Hydro Stations.	Thermal Stations.	Total.
	kWh millions.	kWh millions.	kWh millions.	kWh millions.	kWh millions.	kWh millions.
1938-39 Year ..	103·2	824·1	927·3	102·8	739·2	842·0
1948-49 ..	183·6	1,964·4	2,148·0	181·2	1,857·8	2,039·0
1949-50 ..	176·0	2,186·8	2,362·8	173·7	2,063·1	2,236·8
1950-51 ..	194·2	2,411·3	2,605·5	191·7	2,276·2	2,467·9
1951-52 ..	226·4	2,565·3	2,791·7	224·1	2,420·5	2,644·6
1952-53 ..	234·9	2,785·5	3,020·4	232·2	2,622·4	2,854·6
1951-52—						
March Quarter ..	32·7	635·4	668·1	32·3	600·4	632·7
June Quarter ..	50·2	657·9	708·1	49·6	620·4	670·0
1952-53—						
September Quarter	80·7	692·5	773·2	79·9	652·9	732·8
December Quarter	87·7	630·4	718·1	86·9	591·3	678·2
March Quarter	42·5	661·6	704·1	42·0	621·8	663·8
June Quarter ..	24·0	801·0	825·0	23·4	756·4	779·8
1953-54—						
September Quarter	53·4	847·1	900·5	52·5	801·2	853·7
December Quarter	60·4	767·0	827·4	59·5	722·4	781·9

Note.—Figures above of electricity generated by the State Electricity Commission (including Melbourne City Council Power House, Spencer-street) represented in 1952-53, 98 per cent. of the total generated by all authorities in Victoria.

IX.—MISCELLANEOUS.

GREATER MELBOURNE—BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED BY MUNICIPALITIES.

Period.	New Buildings—				Alterations and Additions.		Total.	
	Dwellings (including Flats, Hotels, &c.).		Other Buildings.					
	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.
		£'000		£'000		£'000		£'000
1938 Year	5,333	5,318	531	1,641	6,124	1,446	11,988	8,405
1939 "	5,148	5,370	483	1,655	6,113	1,658	11,744	8,683
1946 "	7,292	9,875	241	1,314	7,882	1,520	15,415	12,709
1947 "	8,787	13,685	476	2,156	6,664	2,057	15,927	17,898
1948 "	8,531	14,837	371	1,660	6,090	2,217	14,992	18,714
1949 "	10,768	20,391	331	1,846	6,920	2,142	18,019	24,379
1950 "	12,268	26,343	467	3,045	10,368	3,185	23,103	32,573
1951 "	11,110	29,462	593	4,706	17,450	5,639	29,153	39,807
1952 "	6,621	18,916	777	6,299	17,212	6,584	24,610	31,799
1953 "	8,671	25,823	1,311	7,400	17,713	7,182	27,695	40,405
1952—								
March Quarter ..	1,778	5,156	126	703	4,247	1,282	6,151	7,141
June Quarter ..	1,562	4,566	154	1,086	4,186	1,900	5,902	7,552
September Quarter ..	1,634	4,587	241	2,435	4,440	1,814	6,315	8,836
December Quarter ..	1,647	4,607	256	2,075	4,339	1,588	6,242	8,270
1953—								
March Quarter ..	1,821	5,282	274	1,338	4,159	1,685	6,254	8,305
June Quarter ..	2,087	6,124	351	1,590	4,777	1,751	7,215	9,465
September Quarter ..	2,467	7,195	385	2,175	4,551	1,907	7,403	11,277
December Quarter ..	2,296	7,222	301	2,297	4,226	1,839	6,823	11,358

Note.—The above statement includes War Service Homes dwellings but excludes Housing Commission and other Government buildings.

VICTORIA—BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED BY TEN(a) PROVINCIAL MUNICIPALITIES.

Period.	New Buildings—				Alterations and Additions.		Total.	
	Dwellings (including Flats, Hotels, &c.).		Other Buildings.					
	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.
		£'000		£'000		£'000		£'000
1939 Year	647	460	59	107	619	153	1,325	720
1945 "	218	206	23	34	646	94	887	334
1946 "	693	768	39	34	1,096	160	1,828	962
1947 "	819	1,032	47	99	937	162	1,803	1,293
1948 "	800	1,203	33	443	832	251	1,665	1,897
1949 "	1,060	1,793	41	585	1,149	275	2,250	2,653
1950 "	1,280	2,446	29	118	1,172	429	2,481	2,993
1951 "	1,072	2,469	60	572	1,369	362	2,501	3,403
1952 "	657	1,587	95	642	1,363	604	2,115	2,833
1953 "	787	2,075	150	1,173	1,473	712	2,410	3,960
1952—								
March Quarter ..	173	401	23	311	304	81	500	793
June Quarter ..	140	333	14	62	361	106	515	501
September Quarter ..	180	447	30	210	344	276	554	933
December Quarter ..	164	406	28	59	354	141	546	606
1953—								
March Quarter ..	154	407	34	148	310	166	498	721
June Quarter ..	197	514	34	419	420	234	651	1,167
September Quarter ..	226	606	50	327	384	152	660	1,085
December Quarter ..	210	548	32	279	350	160	601	987

(a) Includes the Cities of Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Geelong West, Horsham, Mildura, Newtown and Chilwell, Sale, Shepparton, and Warrnambool.

Note.—The above statement includes War Service Homes dwellings but excludes Housing Commission and other Government buildings.

HOUSING COMMISSION OF VICTORIA.

Period.	Contracts Let(a) during Period for the erection of Dwelling Units.			Dwelling Units Completed during Period.		
	Metropolitan Area.	Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.	Metropolitan Area.	Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Prior to 1942-43 ..	1,092	135	1,227	1,080	135	1,215
1942-43 Year ..	116	..	116	79	..	79
1943-44 " ..	323	75	398	118	..	118
1944-45 " ..	747	345	1,092	495	115	610
1945-46 " ..	1,677	677	2,354	889	204	1,093
1946-47 " ..	2,069	930	2,999	921	570	1,491
1947-48 " ..	1,281	919	2,200	1,388	791	2,179
1948-49 " ..	1,221	626	1,847	1,453	904	2,357
1949-50 " ..	1,287	1,183	2,470	1,479	975	2,454
1950-51 " ..	1,575	1,439	3,014	1,365	1,334	2,699
1951-52 " ..	931	2,039	2,970	1,428	1,542	2,970
1952-53 " ..	1,528	2,032	3,560	1,573	1,665	3,238
1952-53—						
September Quarter ..	378	167	545	332	375	707
December Quarter ..	518	1,450	1,968	495	658	1,153
March Quarter ..	295	168	463	309	227	536
June Quarter ..	337	247	584	437	405	842
1953-54						
September Quarter ..	520	123	643	567	437	1,004
December Quarter ..	638	250	888	498	480	978
Grand Total to 31st December, 1953 ..	15,005	10,773	25,778	13,333	9,152	22,485

(a) Including work performed by day labour. The date of the letting of the first contract was 31st July, 1939.

Note.—The above statement is exclusive of houses erected by the Housing Commission of Victoria for the Commonwealth War Workers' Housing Trust, viz, 234 at Sunshine and 34 at Coburg.